

**Listing of claims**

1-42 (cancelled)

43. (original) An electric storage battery comprising:

an electrically conductive case sealed by first and second end caps;

an electrically conductive terminal pin extending through said first end cap and electrically insulated from said case;

an electrode assembly disposed within said case and comprising first and second opposite polarity electrodes separated by separators wherein said first electrode is electrically coupled to said pin;

a flexible conductive tab electrically coupled to said second electrode proximate a first location at the seal formed between said second end cap and said case;

wherein said second end cap has a center and wherein said second end cap has a width from said first location to a second location at the seal formed between said second end cap and said case measured along a line through said center; and

said tab electrically connected to said second end cap at a third location between said second location and said center of said second end cap.

44. (original) The battery of claim 43 wherein said case has no separate fill hole.

45. (original) The battery of claim 43 wherein said second end cap is welded to said tab flat against an inner face of said second end cap.

46. (original) The battery of claim 43 wherein said second end cap is circular and wherein said width is a diameter.

47-65 (cancelled)